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Letter dated 22 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration issued on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency concerning the appointment of Mr. Ayala Lasso as High Commissioner for Human Rights (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 114 (b).

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ANNEX

Declaration on the appointment of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, issued on 21 February 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union would like to express its deep satisfaction at the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. José Ayala Lasso of Ecuador as the first High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The European Union believes that Mr. José Ayala Lasso possesses all the qualities needed for the impartial, objective and effective performance of his duties. His speedy appointment to the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights demonstrates the commitment of the international community to the cause of human rights.

The primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights lies with each State. The European Union believes that all States should support the High Commissioner for Human Rights in carrying out his tasks by establishing with him a valuable and constructive cooperation in an open and sincere spirit.